

Council on Aging
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2020

Present - Carole Mullen, director, Cheryl Moreci, chair, Bob Casali, Karen Kuligowski, Dan Malloy, Eileen Milaszewski, Rebecca Wild-Wesley - **Absent** – Diane Fraiser, Nancilee Fuller

Bills and January minutes - Approved.

Button batteries – A check for \$800 was received from Wheelabrator for six pounds of button batteries that had been collected in a number of boxes that we had around town. It was put into the gift account. This is the final year for this program.

Friends of Elders shop - Interim town interim administrator, Bob Reed, has notified the Friends of Elders and the CoA that the Friend's shop space was never legally given to them for the purpose of a re-sale shop. The town is required to request an RFP (request for proposal) for use of the space on Depot Street. Reed will work with the FoE and the CoA in submitting a proposal.

Transportation – Our new driver, Phyllis Winn is available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from ten to one. The van needed a new battery and some other maintenance work. Use of it remains low.

New board member – It was voted unanimously to send the name of Julia Manning to the selectmen for appointment to the board. The director informed us that Rebecca will be leaving the board at the end of her term this year.

Budget – The budget situation remains difficult and the need for another override is likely.

Tax credit program – All participants in the tax credit program will now be required to have an OBRA (pension) deduction from their tax credit payment. Those payments will be refunded to participants when they are no longer in the program. Prior to this program year, only participants under age 70 ½ were required to have the OBRA deduction.

Parties – The Valentine's Day party was a great success, with about 50 people in attendance. There will be a St. Patrick's Day party in March.

Programs – Watercolor and mahjong groups have been doing very well. Continuing exercise classes over the summer will be a challenge because of vacations of both instructors and participants.

Discovery centers – Further discussion on this matter will be postponed until we know what the budget will be.

SHINE – Bob put in over 3,800 hours doing SHINE counseling work from January 2019 to the end of December.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1;49.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Malloy, Secretary